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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Japan is about to send a large military force to Corea, and has been assured that Russia will not consider it an unfriendly act. —— Diplomats in St. Petersburg express greater confidence in a peaceful arrangement between Japan and Russia. —— The American gunboat Vicksburg has sailed from Shanghai for Corea to protect American interests there. —— The new Clyde liner Kiowa, from Charleston for Boston, was rammed and sunk by steamer Admiral Dewey, in a snow storm; Capt. Chichester and crew were rescued; the other steamer sustained slight damage. —— It is denied that Japan has put a time limit for Russia's reply to her last communication. —— Mr. W. J. Bryan was not received in audience at Berlin by Emperor William. —— The tallest building on earth is to be erected in lower Broadway, New York city, forty stories high. —— Two men were killed and six injured in a train collision at Williamston, Ky. —— One man killed and four men seriously wounded in a pitched battle near Randolph, Tenn. —— An unsuccessful attempt was made on the jail at Bartow, Fla., to lynch a negro suspected of the attempted assassination of Col. and Mrs. John Beaty. —— Colombia's representatives in Washington are anxious to return home, but are awaiting reply from Secretary Hay to their note concerning Panama. —— Cruiser Dixie will sail Monday for Colon with six hundred marines. —— A destructive storm visited Americus, Ga., and surrounding section Friday. —— A blinding snow storm with furious wind struck New York city yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 49 degrees; 8 P. M., 39 degrees: maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 39 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since first of the month to date, 2.35 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—For North Carolina: Fair Sunday, with a cold wave; Monday fair and not so cold; fresh north to northeast winds.

Port Almanac—December 27.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.53 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport	1.05 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	8.35 P. M.

Mr. Bryan did not get sick enough on his ocean voyage to "throw up the sponge."

And now the Democrats are apprehensive that Roosevelt will not be the Republican nominee for President.

"Stand pat" will be the next Republican national platform. Whatever may be thought of it otherwise, it will be commended for its brevity.

We are told that the "per capita" circulation in the country has reached $30.00. That may be the average, but our "per capita" looks more like 30 cents.

If the business men of Wilmington really feel any interest in the postmastership of this city, now is the time to show it and to make that influence felt in Washington.

Curtailment of the production of cotton goods will very likely pan out like reduction of the acreage in cotton. The mills that have a sufficient stock of the raw material on hand to run several weeks or months will decline to be curtailers and will make money.

McClure's Magazine for January is on our desk. This popular publication begins the new year with its pages brimful of interesting matter, and it is always a bright and welcome visitor. Price $1.00 a year. S. S. McClure & Co., New York and London.

Panama, the Philippines and Cuba give the terrible Teddy some trouble; but this isn't a circumstance to the fear that haunts his daily walk and his nightly sleep that Mark Hanna may become his competitor for the presidential nomination.

It need not be feared that Gorman and other Democratic Senators who favor the Hoar resolution will vote against the Panama treaty when it comes up for final action. They are only calling for information that will show whether or not the administration was a party to the fraud that created the so called republic.

A telegram from Columbus, Ohio, says: "Of more than 2,000 prisoners received in the Ohio State Prison last year not one could repeat the Ten Commandments, though many professed to be sons of church members." This is pretty bad. But suppose a canvass of Wilmington were made to ascertain what proportion of the population could repeat the Ten Commandments, the canvass to be confined to persons over eighteen years of age? Would not the percentage that could stand the test be painfully small? Try the first ten men you meet on the streets to-day and report the result.

CHRISTMAS SINNERS.

Mayor Springer Disposed of Forty-two Cases at His Matinee Yesterday.

MANY CONVICTS FOR ROADS.

Most of the Charges Were Drunk, Disorderly and Fighting — Negro Bound Over to Court for Stealing a Goat.

Christmas in Wilmington passed off rather quietly, when all things are considered. There were the usual drunks and fighting where the booze had "fussy" effects, but no great amount of damage was done.

In the municipal court yesterday there was a line-up of 44 Christmas sinners. About sixteen of the cases were against white men and one white woman was in the toils. The other defendants were negroes, men and women. Court began at 11:30 A. M. and lasted until 1 P. M.

When court opened there was a big crowd of spectators. In fact, there was a perfect jam. The prisoners' dock was overflowed, and after it had been filled, seats were provided on the outside of the railing for more prisoners than could be comfortably crowded into the dock.

Most of the prisoners had red eyes and evidences of the most serious hurts were plasters over a nose or cheek here and there and a few bandages over scalp wounds.

City Attorney Wm. J. Bellamy managed the prosecution, and the charges ran all the way from drunk and down, drunk and disorderly, quareling and fighting, and larceny. The penalties in a few cases were the costs, but in most of the cases fines of $5, $10 and $20 were levied on the defendants. A few paid up but it is quite probable that there will be at least 20 recruits for the roads.

Among the cases was one against John Reed, colored, charged with the larceny of a coat. He was bound over to the Superior Court in a bond of $50. West Richardson, colored, for using vulgar and obscene language and cursing on the streets, was given a straight sentence of 30 days on the roads. Mayor Springer served notice on all thugs that this was one thing for which he would always inflict the highest penalty.

The defendants who were fined will have the privilege of paying up, but if they do not do so they will have to work out their fines on the roads. It is safe to say that quite a number of them will have to be put to work.

Funeral of Mr. Joe Lippitt,

Solemn services for the burial of the dead were said over the remains of Mr. Joseph Lippitt at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at St. James' Episcopal church. The services were conducted by the rector, Rev. Dr. Hogue, after which the remains were borne to Oakdale cemetry for interment. Beautiful floral tributes were laid upon the grave. The pall-bearers were as follows: Honorary, Messrs. E P. Bailey and W. S. Bernard; active, Messrs. T. E. Wallace, E. L. Hinton, H. L. Fennell, A. H. Holmes, B. G. Empie and Walter Bergen.

New Seats for Brooklyn Baptist Church.

The handsome quarter-sawed oak seats for Brooklyn Baptist church have arrived, and probably the work of installing them will begin on to-morrow, as Mr. W. H. Spencer is expected to be here to superintend the work.

The seats are circular in form and were manufactured by the Southern Seating and Cabinet Company, of Jackson, Tenn. Mr. Spencer comes from Gastonia, N. C., and is the company's expert in this territory.

Dr. Nash to Preach.

The Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., who is now located at Henderson, spent Christmas in the city with his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Penny. His numerous friends in Wilmington were exceedingly glad to see him. This evening at 7:30 o'clock Dr. Nash will preach at Grace M. E. church. The Rev. N. M. Watson, Grace's new pastor, will preach at 11 A. M.

The Star's Christmas Gift.

The members of the First church of Christ, Scientist, placed the STAR under the most grateful obligations for a Christmas memento and wish for "A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year." They kindly laid upon our desk an elaborate and most beautiful bouquet, for which we scrape and bow in extending our most heartfelt thanks.

— In the advertising columns of this morning's STAR you are invited to "turn over a new leaf" by subscribing to the twentieth series of stock just issued by the North Carolina Home Building Association, payable on next Saturday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Building Lots—For sale.
Notice—Turn over a new leaf.
C. W. Yates & Co—N. C. Almanac.
Endowment Rank, K. of P.—Meet'g.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
S W. Sanders—At Unlucky Corner.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Young Man—Position wanted.
Dick & Reilly—Houses for sale.
For Rent—Twelve-room residence.
Consolidated Railways, Light & Power Co.—Notice.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. GORE, SR.

The Father of Mr. D. L. Gore, of This City, Passed Away Christmas Morning, Aged 89 Years.

We regret to learn of the death of the venerable Mr. John H. Gore, Sr., father of Mr. D. L. Gore, one of Wilmington's most prominent business men.

Mr. Gore on Wednesday about 2 P. M. received a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father at his home in Columbus county, near Pireway Ferry. Mr. Gore left Wilmington for Pireway shortly after he got the telegram, and his father died Christmas morning after he had reached him.

The deceased was aged 89 years, and was a member of the Methodist church. He was a leading man in his section and was a successful farmer, having amassed a fortune during a life time of industry and close attention to business. He leaves two sons and a daughter—Mr. D. L. Gore, of this city, Mr. M. L. Gore, of Pireway Ferry, and Mrs. Missouri Tuton, of Loris, S. C.

The funeral took place yesterday and the burial was made in the family burying ground, near Pireway.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The barque "Telefon" passed over the bar and out to sea yesterday at noon.

— Standard Oil Company barge No. 57 arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of oil.

— Wm. H. Moore, the well known colored news agent has issued a neat little calendar for 1904.

— Rev. W. L. Bilbro, of Ayden, will preach at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. to-day at Southside Baptist church.

— The new two-cent stamps containing the profile of George Washington, are now on sale at the Wilmington post office.

— Our popular friend, Justice G. W. Bornemann, had a happy Christmas. The "Judge" was the recipient of more than forty presents.

— On and after Sunday, December 27th instant, mails for dispatch by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad will close at the postoffice at 2:30 P. M.

— There will be a special convocation of Concord Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., to-morrow night at 8 o'clock to confer the Mark Master's degree.

— Mr. J. O. Brown, the well known manufacturer of buggies, wagons, drays, etc., has the STAR'S thanks for a handsome 1904 calendar.

— The annual meeting of the Endowment Rank, K. of P., will be held to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the parlor of Pythian Castle Hall.

— The Board of Aldermen will hold a special meeting to-morrow night at 8 o'clock to consider applications for the sale of liquor for the six months beginning January 1st.

— All persons wishing to attend the Christmas tree exercises at Delgado can take special cars at Front street junction at about 7:30 Tuesday evening next. Transfers will be good both ways. A good time is expected.

— Col. Walker Taylor presented each of the thirty-odd young men in the Boys' Brigade with a Bible. In return the brigade made Col. Taylor a present of a very handsome silver set.

— The American schooner "Damietta and Joana," Capt. York, cleared yesterday for New York with a cargo of 314,000 feet of lumber, shipped by the Cape Fear Lumber Company.

— The Sunday school of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church will hold its annual Christmas tree exercises Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church. Every person is welcome.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, December 26th: "Mr. E. L. Romsberg, leader of Romsberg's orchestra, has an engagement to play in Wilmington four nights next week with Hollowbush's orchestra."

— Dr. R. T. Bryan, missionary to China, will preach this morning and evening at the First Baptist church. It is to be a big missionary event and all of the members are urgently requested to attend both services.

— The Register of Deeds on yesterday issued marriage licenses to Mr. Charlie W. Staley and Miss Margaret C. Johnson, both of Wilmington, and Mr. Jos. R. Utley, of Newbern, and Miss Dora Lee Hewett, of this city.

— "George," the big bay horse of Hose Company No. 3, of the city fire department, died yesterday morning. He is supposed to have contracted cold after being overheated. It will cost the city about $250 to replace the loss.

— From toy pistol accidents, Henry Little, white, aged 11; Walter Donaldson, colored, aged 18, and Jim Harris, colored, aged 14, are at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Justice G. W. Bornemann's little son George was seriously hurt Christmas evening by the explosion of a cannon cracker which had been thrown by a colored man but which it was supposed had missed fire till the little fellow had got to it.

Big Street Car Business.

On Christmas eve and on Christmas day, the electric cars of the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company broke all records for holiday business. The cars hauled 10,000 passengers, which shows that Wilmington is prosperous and that the street car line is well patronized by our people.

ELKS' GOOD WORK.

Wilmington Lodge Made Many a Heart Glad on Christmas Day.

PROVISIONS DISTRIBUTED.

Nearly Two Hundred Well Filled Baskets Sent to the Poor of the City—Cheer for Many a Home—Both White and Colored Visited.

Wilmington Lodge, No. 583, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, never let a Christmas pass that, it does not exemplify the benevolent principles of that noble order. The Christmas of 1903 was signalized by a great feast which the Elks spread for the benefit of poor children. Long tables at the city hall were laden with a feast of good things and hundreds of poor children were there to enjoy the feast.

While the dinner served last year by the Elks made many a little heart rejoice, the Elks concluded that their benevolence could be dispensed in a more practical way. It was, therefore, decided that another plan be adopted for this Christmas. This was to distribute baskets of provisions to the homes of the poor, a means which no doubt carried more practical relief to the poor than was done by the dinner last year. The dinner was more spectacular but the distribution plan was more effective.

When this Christmas dawned the Elks were a busy lot. They were up bright and early and by 8 o'clock thirty members of the order in charge of seven wagons started out with nearly two hundred baskets filled with provisions and Christmas delicacies. Each basket weighed 65 pounds and contained flour, meal, lard, meat, syrup, salt, sugar, rice, grits, coffee, candy, nuts, raisins, oranges and apples.

Having obtained from the Associated Charities and the charitable societies of the various churches the names of the worthy poor throughout the city, the Elks went joyously on their rounds and went from door to door leaving their baskets. The wind and rain deterred them not and the sand hills of the suburbs were no obstacle to their good work.

The coming of the Elks was unheralded, as no previous mention had been made in the newspapers that they intended to do this work. Consequently their visit was an absolute surprise to the poor people whose homes they visited, and it was a veritable visit from Santa Claus. For two hours the Elks distributed their Christmas cheer, and the work made them rejoice, for they heard expressions which filled their hearts with the tenderest emotions.

Everywhere the Elks went their gracious and bountiful gifts met with deep appreciation, many receiving their baskets with brimming eyes and sobs, too full to express their thanks, while others were profuse in the expression of their appreciation of the benevolence of the kind-hearted Elks who had brought them some of the good things of life. When the Elks came across worthy colored families they also dispensed their benevolence to them.

The Elks entered into their work enthusiastically and it will do their hearts good for many a day to contemplate the happiness which they carried to many a home of absolute want.

We are sure the community will appreciate the good work of the Elks, and our city is fortunate in having an organization that is willing and able to dispense charity like that witnessed on Christmas day.

Cold Wave.

The weather condition on Christmas day was cloudy, with hard showers in the afternoon. It was warm, however, and hardly any fire was necessary to make it comfortable. Yesterday morning dawned pleasantly, but during the day the Weather Bureau hoisted the cold wave signal. A warning message, "Cold wave to-night," was sent out, but the cold wave did not wait till night. The temperature fell rapidly and by 5 P. M. it was freezing. High wind and cold made last night a very disagreeable one, and water pipes will probably be frozen by this morning.

Fell from the Second Story Balcony.

Christmas evening about 6 o'clock, while Fireman James Walton was on the second balcony of the house of Engine Company No. 2, at Sixth and Castle streets, watching some boys who were in the street below shooting fireworks, he slipped and fell over the railing to the hard pavement below. The floor of the balcony was wet, and in turning to go inside, his feet went from under him. He got a hard fall but suffered no serious injury. Dr. Russell was called to him, but found that no bones had been broken by the fall.

Childrens' Choral Christmas Festival.

The Childrens' Choral Christmas Festival will be held at St. James' church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, instead of the usual evening prayer. At this service the children of the Parish will bring gifts from their bounty for the Christmas tree of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Tuesday night.

— Simvelle's "Romeo and Juliet" Company was the attraction at the Academy of Music Christmas night. Owing to the inclement weather no matinee was given, and at night there was a small audience, owing to the incessant rain. The company is a good one and gave a nice production of the great Shakesperean play.

CHARMING MABEL PAIGE.

The Winsome and Popular Little Actress to Begin Week's Engagement at Academy To-morrow Night.

"The Princess of Paches" is the title of the delightful Southern play with which Mabel Paige and her company of associate players will begin her week's engagement at the Academy of Music to-morrow night.

This pretty Louisiana story is said to be by far the best play which Miss Paige has yet offered for the amusement of her Wilmington patrons, the part of the Princess having been written for her and in every way fitting Miss Paige's particular talents.

From the press of other cities in which the little actress has appeared this season we understand her supporting company is by far the best she has ever brought South, and that the repertoire of plays is made up of only late New York successes, for which large royalties have to be paid to the authors. Numerous and entertaining vaudeville acts will be presented between and during the acts by the miraculous "Hermion," Hynman De Trace, Miss Paige, Ben Turpin, the original Happy Hoolygan, and others.

An entire equipment of gorgeous scenes and electrical effects is carried for each presentation, a thing seldom attempted by an attraction playing at popular prices. Three matinees will be given this week, namely on Wednesday, New Year's day and Saturday afternoons.

Our theatre patrons have been hungry for a really good show at a low price and the patrons of the Academy of Music Monday night and during this week will surely get it.

Real Estate Transfers.

In the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday deeds were recorded, transferring real estate as follows:

By John A. Ricks and wife, of Greenville, N. C., to Mrs. Eugenia W. Harriss, wife of George Harriss, a tract of 109 acres more or less, situated on the old Newbern plank road, where it is crossed by Mr. Oscar Pearsall's line. Consideration, $75.

By the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Company to Joster Peyer, of New York, a lot running 396 feet in the southern line of Dickinson street and 330 feet in the northern line of Moore street, and extending to Anderson street and to the east side of the right of way of the W. & W. Railroad. Consideration, $700. This property adjoins the Wilmington tobacco warehouse.

By Sol. J. Sternberger and wife to W. D. Pugh and wife, for $650, a lot fronting 37 feet and 6 inches in the southern line of Orange street and having a depth of 66 feet extending southwardly between Ninth and Tenth streets.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. B. Atkins, of Morehead City, was here yesterday.

— Mr. Willie Grant, of Florence, spent Christmas in the city.

— Mr. A. B. Carroll, of Clinton, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. Price Furpless, of Southport, was on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Davis, of Dover, N. C., is here on a visit to relatives.

— Mr. John Schulken, son of Mr. Charles Schulken, is very sick.

— Mr. W. B. Brice, of Wallace, was in the city on business yesterday.

— Mr. J. S. Horn, of Charlotte, was among yesterday's visitors to our city.

— Miss Ethel Cobb, of Suffolk, Va., is here visiting Miss Addie Chadwick.

— Mr. H. D. Hatch, of Hamlet, was among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton.

— Miss Alice Johnson, of Willard, N. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, 505 Cambell street.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, Dec. 26: Mr. C. L. Taylor, of Wilmington, is enjoying his Christmas vacation at his old home.

— Mr. John W. Blomme left last night for Washington, Philadelphia and Richmond, on a visit to relatives and friends.

— Mr. C. H. Johnson, pole inspector for the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, came in Friday from a business trip.

— Mrs. Beverly Hawkins and Miss Belle Jollye passed through the city Thursday en route from Charlotte to Whiteville to spend the holidays with relatives.

— Prof. J. M. Culbreth, bandmaster of Fort Caswell, returned to his post yesterday after spending Xmas with his uncle, Dr. N. M. Culbreth, 315 North Second street.

— Mr. E. B. Stevens, of Southport, was here yesterday on his way home from Baltimore, where he has been in the hospital for treatment. We are glad to note that he is greatly improved.

— The Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, returned yesterday from Newbern where he has been for more than a week. He preached last Sunday and on Christmas day to the Lutheran mission in that city.

— Mr. B. M. Bean, of Washington, D. C., assistant superintendent of the International Correspondence School, and Mr. Alex. H. Fairchild, of Washington, who is to be local representative in Wilmington, have arrived in the city. Commencing on Wednesday they will have a display of the work of the school in Munson & Co.'s window.

INCENDIARY FIRES.

Within Forty-five Minutes Yesterday Three Attempts at Burning Were Made.

THE THIRD EFFORT SERIOUS.

Fires Started in Two Boarding Houses and in Residence of Dr. Durham—Geo. Judge Was Arrested on Suspicion Last Night.

Yesterday afternoon from 3:30 o'clock till 4:15 o'clock, three incendiary fires occurred in the heart of the city, all within about a square of each other.

FIRST ATTEMPT.

The first alarm was turned in from box 33, at 3:30 P. M. Fire had been discovered in the three story brick house, formerly the residence of Major D. O'Conner, No. 110 Princess street, now occupied as a boarding house by Mrs. Annie M. Gilbert.

The fire started on the third floor, fronting Princess street, occupied by Mrs. M. M. Ray. The bed had been set on fire, and besides the bed clothing and furniture, Mrs. Ray lost $100 in wearing apparel. The fire ran under a door to an adjoining room, occupied by Mr. F. H. Dew, wife and children, and in that room $25 damage was done. The house, which now belongs to Mr. W. A. Dick and is insured for $4,000, was damaged to the extent of $50. Mrs. Gilbert's loss is $100, and she carries a policy of $500. Mrs. Ray had no insurance. The fire department was promptly on the scene or else a dangerous fire would have occured right in the business centre of the city.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT.

At 4:05 P. M. a second alarm sent in from box 32 brought the fire department back down town. This time the fire was at 115 Market street, a three story brick building occupied by Mrs. Register and Mrs. Fillyaw as a boarding house. Fire had been set to the bedding in a room on the third floor, and also in a bureau drawer which had again been closed. About $25 damage was done. Down the passage on the same floor, fire had been started in a wardrobe, while the occupant of the room, a man from the country, was asleep on the bed. He was aroused by the fire in the adjoining room and when he went back to his room, he discovered that it was full of smoke, and flames were starting up in the wardrobe. The house belongs to Hon. John D. Bellamy and is insured, as was also the property of Mrs. Register.

MORE SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

At 4:15 P. M., while the fire department was on the return to the engine houses and when the engines had almost gotten into the houses, a third alarm was sent in from box 33. The fire was this time in the three story brick residence, No. 1, Postoffice avenue, owned by Mr. Andrew Smith, and occupied by Dr. J. H. Durham. Fire had been started in a small hall room on the third floor, used as a clothes closet by Messrs. A. J. Martin and T. E. Grafton, who occupied connecting rooms adjoining the closet. The fire had made considerable headway, and when the firemen got to the scene the heat had broken the window glass and flames were leaping through. After the fire had broken through the ceiling and was eating its way to the top of the building, the firemen succeeded in suppressing it. The closet was full of clothes belonging to Messrs. Martin and Grafton, and a half dozen suits, several trousers, underwear, and trunks full of valuable clothing were totally consumed. Smoke also got into the rooms and their furniture and room furnishings were badly damaged. Their loss is fully $500 with no insurance. Dr. Durham's loss was about $100 and the damage to the building was about $150, both covered by insurance.

WORK OF AN INCENDIARY.

The fires were so clearly the work of an incendiary that Chief Charles Schnibben and Assistant Chief W. P. Monroe, of the Fire Department, set to work to ferret out the incendiary. On information received, a warrant was sworn out for a young man, George Judge, who drives a delivery wagon for the Eagle steam laundry. He had been seen in two of the houses a few minutes before the fires started. He was described to the officers, and last night about 8:30 o'clock Constable W. B. Savage arrested him at Delgado. He was brought to the city and was identified as the man who was in Dr. Durham's house a few minutes before the fire was discovered. He, however, denies any knowledge of the fires and claims that he can prove where he was from 12 noon till 6 P.

Young Judge is a brother of Jim Judge, who has been convicted several times of turning in false alarms of fire. Jim Judge is now in jail, having been committed about a week ago under a peace bond for six months for threatening to kill his mother and sister. Heretofore his brother George, who was arrested last night, has been considered an industrious young man and has never figured in any of the courts. He bitterly denies that he had anything to do with the three fires yesterday afternoon. He was not under the influence of whiskey when arrested, and if he was the party who started the fires it is hard to conceive what his motive was.

It was evidently the work of some one with a mania for burning. Had the fires been started at night the results might have been very serious, probably involving the loss of life.

— We regret to learn that Mr. J. F. Stolter is quite sick.

Rehder's Rehder's

THE STORE THAT PAYS YOUR CAR FARE.

A Happy New Year!

We wish you both a happy and prosperous New Year. Hope that your visits to this store in 1904 will be very frequent. Daily we shall place before you the best of values and assure you that what we advertise will always be as represented. The announcement of our usual

January White Sale

will be made in a short time.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 27 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

A Happy New Year

To one and all! At the same time we wish to thank you for past favors and hope you will continue to favor us with your patronage. Best wishes from

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

The Leading Millinery House,

dec 27 tf 118 Market street.

Did You Do Your Duty?

If not, I have something with which to beautify your home, and so gladden the hearts of your loved ones, and you can term it a "NEW YEAR'S" gift. Clothes to wear, dishes to eat off of, etc., are NECESSITIES, but a handsome piece of Furniture is a joy and beauty forever and nothing will please a woman so much.

Fifty ladies to one man is the actual count of my Xmas customers.

N. F. Parker, 206 North Front Street.

CASH | Your House Furnished from top to bottom de 27 tf | CREDIT.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. Thomas J. Presson Expired Without a Moment's Warning Last Night About 9 O'clock.

We are pained to announce the sudden death of Mr. Thomas J. Presson, the well known contractor and builder. He died last night about 9 o'clock at his home, No. 214 Chesnut street.

Mr. Presson was in his usual health and had not been complaining at all. Last night while in the sitting room he went to the stove, put in a stick of wood and returned to his seat a few feet away. Just as he reached his seat, he turned to his wife and with a look of distress, said "Come here." He then fell over and by the time his wife reached him he was gasping in death.

Mr. Presson's family will have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a good man and all who know him esteemed him for his unimpeachable integrity and high sense of honor. He was a genial, companionable man, and all who knew him regarded him as an exceptionally good man and citizen. He was about 70 years of age and was born at Williamsburg, Va. He came to Wilmington about 14 years ago from Kinston where he had lived a number of years. Since he has resided in Wilmington, he has done considerable business as a builder and contractor. We learn that he was a Confederate veteran but probably served with the Virginia troops. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons of Kinston. The deceased leaves a wife and seven children, Messrs. Robert E. and John W. Presson, and Misses Katie, Agnes, Beatrice, Lillie and Bessie Presson, all of whom are grown. He was a member of the Baptist church. His death was due to heart disease.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence. The interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

DIED.

PRESSON—At his home, 214 Chesnut street, at 9 P. M. Saturday, December 26th, 1903, THOS. J. PRESSON, aged 70 years.

Funeral from residence Monday at 3 P. M. Interment at Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1 R. A. M.

COMPANIONS—There will be a special convocation Monday evening, 9 o'clock, to confer the Mark Master's degree.
By order of the High Priest.
W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.
dec 27 1t

Turn Over a New Leaf

By subscribing to the twentieth series of stock of the N. C. Home Building Association, payable on Saturday, January 2nd.
FRANK H. STEDMAN,
de 27 1t Secretary and Treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Endowment Rank K. of P., Monday night, December 28th, at 7:30 P. M., at the parlor of the K. of P. Hall.
dec 27 1t

Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to the deceased to make immediate payment to me, and all persons to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me by or before the 1st day of December 1904, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. This the 19th day of November, 1903.
JOSEPH MEIER,
Administrator of Albert Wrobel, deceased.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. no 28 6t su.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS AND PARTICULARLY COLLISIONS.

Scarcely a day passes without some report of a serious railway accident.

The report of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission gives as the returns of such accidents for the year ending June 30, 1903, the number of passengers killed in train accidents at 164, and of injured 4,424; of employes killed, 895; injured, 6,440. Casualties from other causes, added to these, make totals of 321 passengers and 3,233 employes killed and 6,973 passengers and 39,004 employes injured. These numbers are larger by a considerable percentage than the corresponding numbers of the year last preceding.

The report of the Commission expresses the belief that, although particulars of accidents are required to be made, there is reason to believe that the law is not complied with, and many facts are not made known at all. However, it is certain that all the more serious accidents are reported in the press, and it is the more serious sort that has become so alarmingly frequent. It was to be expected that the steady increase of railway mileage, which is now 201,000, and in passenger and other traffic would bring up the number and fatality of accidents, although it is claimed that the proportion is no greater than with less traffic and mileage.

The Commission's report states states that the number of men employed in the train service on June 30, 1903, was about 12 per cent. larger than on June 30, 1902, a fact which in part explains the increase in deaths and injuries. This is the per centage, taking the country as a whole. On the roads of densest traffic, where the liability to accident is greater than on roads of light traffic, the increase has been more than 12 per cent. The enormous expansion of freight traffic has led to the employment of new men so rapidly that the per centage of inexperienced men in the service was, in the year under review, larger than before for many years, and an increase in the number of inexperienced men usually is accompanied by increases in the number of accidents.

The report calls attention to the fact that certain disastrous collisions have been occasioned by the misconduct or negligence of telegraph operators or signalmen under 21 years of age, and says that the Congress might well consider the propriety of a statute making it unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to act as telegraph operator (to perform the duties referred to) or as block signalmen.

The Commission in its report sets forth that the most prominent fact in this year's record of train accidents is the appalling loss of life and property in collisions. The showing cannot be called materially worse nor materially better than that made a year ago, and the total number of passengers killed and injured does not differ from the record of the preceding year to such extent as to call for comment; but the mere continuance of the record, though it be no worse than in former years, is a disgrace to the American people, painful to every careful observer.

Says the report: "That 130, or 118, or any large number of passengers are killed in the United States in the course of a year in a single class of accidents indicates a condition which should not pass without serious attention. These fatalities are due to causes which have never been adequately considered by any department of government, either of the United States or of any of the States, and there is a crying need for such consideration. Railroad accidents, their causes and their results, have been considered in judicial decisions and in the deliberations and verdicts of Coroners and Coroners' juries, and to a very limited extent by State Railroad Commissions, but none of these have dealt comprehensively with the subject, and apparently no improvements in railroad service nor reformatory measures of any kind have resulted from such actions."

When it is considered, says the New Orleans *Picayune*, that there occurred in the United States in the year under review collisions to the number of 5,219, in ten of which 104 persons were killed, not to mention the large number of wounded, the extreme seriousness of the situation is made known. Many sorts of train casualties arise from conditions for which the railroad companies and their servants are not responsible, such as those arising from rain storms causing washouts, destruction of bridges and the caving of the banks of deep cuts and the rolling of rocks down mountains upon the track. Then there are those which are the results of crimes by outsiders who deliberately wreck trains. For these and others of that nature the companies generally may escape responsibility, but for collisions they must be held blamable.

Trains are run by time schedules and these are supposed to be regulated in such a manner as that trains when, for any cause, they are out of place and time as required by the schedule, will keep out of the way of those that are on time, and that if any sudden stop is made upon a track, with no opportunity to get out of the way on a siding, flags and lights will be sent out to warn approaching trains.

In a word, it is almost impossible for a collision to occur on a main track if every proper precaution is complied with, and the fact that more than five thousand collisions were reported in a single year tells a frightful story of carelessness by somebody. The Interstate Commerce Commission proposes as a remedy the block signal system, which is intended to insure that no two trains shall be upon the same block or subdivision of the track at the same time. That is to say, on a single subdivision of road between two given stations, one train going in a particular direction must pass the station at the far end of the block before another goes on it at the near end.

This, however, is only reliable on double track roads, where all the trains go up on one track and come down on the other. On single track roads it is not to be depended on. This is the rule in England, and the immunity from collisions on English railroads is so nearly complete and the casualty records so low as to be a powerful argument for its adoption. The Commission, therefore, recommends the consideration of a law like that in force in Great Britain and Ireland, requiring the adoption and use of the block system in the United States, unless some better device can be secured.

In the course of time all the great trunk railways in the United States will be double tracked. At present this is only practicable in thickly-settled countries. In the meantime something ought to be done to reduce the great risks from railway train collisions.

TWINKLINGS

— Insurance Applicant — Sometimes I have pipe dreams. Must I be examined by a doctor. Agent—No. Plumber.—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "He's a mercenary wretch." "What makes you think so?" "He married Miss Goldie Rox, and I was trying to get her myself."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— Father—I don't think your fiance knows the value of a dollar. Daughter—Well, he'll know the value of 98 cents when he gets his Christmas present.—*Judge.*

— Long—What, you owe $10,000? Doesn't it worry you? Short—Not in the least. It's another $10,000 I'd like to owe, but can't, that worries me.—*Chicago News.*

— Mr. Goodly—How's your father, Freddie? Freddie—Oh, havin' his usual luck. Just as he was comin' out of the fever the doc says he's gettin' convalescence.—*Chicago News.*

— City Man—How shall I know which house it is? Suburbanite—You'll be able to tell easily enough. It's the only one in the neighborhood that hasn't a "For Sale" sign on it.—*Puck.*

— In 1950—First Harlemite (bitterly)—We were almost nine seconds getting downtown this morning. Second Harlemite (sarticastically)—hope my grandson may live long enough to see rapid transit in New York.—*Puck.*

— "That last speaker," said the first guest of the banquet, "was quite entertaining." "Yes," replied the other. "I thought his delivery rather poor, though." "That's natural. He began life as a messenger boy."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Maudie: Aunt, do you think Bertie Coldcash did right to smile at me so often in church? Aunt: Where did Bertie sit? Maudie: Up in the gallery just back of us.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Mr. Pneer was looking over his small change. "Some contemptible scoundrel, I see," he said, "has passed a slug on me for a nickel. Like as not it will take me a week to work it off on somebody else."—*Chicago Tribune.*

—She—I think a most ridiculous sight is to see a man hunting for his spectacles when they are pushed up over his head. He—And I think a most ridiculous sight is a woman hunting for her hairpins when she's got them in her mouth.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Allen was baiting Governor Dockery, of Missouri. "Dockery," he said, "I understand you were not very fierce endurin' of the wah." "Pshaw, John!" said a bystander, "Dockery was in the war." "I know," said Allen. "I understand he joined a company of home guards, which solemnly vowed not to go out of the county unless the enemy came in."

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— Many of the newspapers which uphold the administration's Panama policy are doing so in perfect frankness, confessing that the morality of the proceedings is questionable, but declaring that "the end justifies the means." Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hay should be equally frank and should stop protesting that every step they are taking is in accordance with treaty rights and international law.—*Norfolk (Va.) Landmark, Dem.*

— Those Colombian envoys who came here to protest against the recognition of Panama and were held up for three days in quarantine while the canal treaty was signed and sealed with a seal made for the occasion by an obliging clerk in the State Department, have had an experience that will always be useful to them when they go home and hear suggestions that anything can just as well be done "manana" as to-day.—*New York World, Dem.*

— The President recognized Panama before there was time for Colombia to even attempt to assert her sovereignty, and he signed a canal treaty before the incipient state could organize a constitutional government. There was never anything like it since that tragic time in Denmark when "the funeral baked meats did coldly furnish forth the marriage feast." Now to collusion and deception he adds the offense of bribing Colombia to accept the secession, for the dullest must see in the disclaimer the profession of a purpose which carries its own condemnation.—*Houston Post.*

— A New York dispatch quotes "a Republican leader in New Jersey" as saying that Roosevelt is not popular in the State. The influential men of his party "are really afraid of the man." They do not know but that, as soon as he finds he is elected for four years, he may commit some extravagant official act that will upset business, or plunge the country into trouble with some foreign power. That fear is not limited to New Jersey. And unquestionably it is too well founded. Roosevelt has proved himself a most dangerous President, even under the curb of his candidacy for a second term. What will he do, what may he not do, should a re-election give him a free rein?"—*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

— Theologians have discussed the question whether everything in nature was created for some useful purpose. Mosquitoes were a puzzle until it was discovered that they devoted themselves to honest industry in carrying malaria. And now we have discovered the use for which Providence created the Moros. Three hundred of them have just been killed in giving Gen. Leonard Wood a military record. The lack of such a record, as everybody knows, is the chief obstacle in the way of the general's advancement to a rank that would put him at the head of the American army at an age at which the ordinary West Pointer would not have worked up to the command of a regiment. He has almost every other kind of record one could ask—medical, social, single-stick, jai alai—everything in short, but military, and now, thanks to hitherto unappreciated Moros, he has that. Way for Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, the laurel-crowned victor of Jolo!—*New York World.*

— "The Hanna boom is killed again this morning—only to revive to-morrow. The senator continues to rage against the enthusiasts who hail him as 'the noblest Roman of them all,' and yet he allows these destroyers of his peace to live. His friends run hither and thither about the country whispering, 'Perhaps, after all, Hanna is the man.' Last week they were in Virginia, this week they are in New York, and next week they may appear in Chicago. As for Mr. Roosevelt, he is familiar enough with the Bible to know that the perfection of the saints was won through trials of patience; and doubtless he accepts this frantic cheering for Mr. Hanna as a means of spiritual discipline. The Ohio senator, on the other hand, may be equally philosophic. He recalls the case of that Roman Emperor who commanded a faithful slave to check him in moments of exultation by a 'Memento mori!' and perhaps—for the good of his country—he is not unwilling to play the part of monitor to his chief."—*New York Evening Post.*

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way farea plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

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Gen'l Passenger Agt.,
Wilmington, N. C.

— Miss Lovelylipz—He said my mouth was like "a cleft honeycomb." Wasn't that sweet? Miss Chelus—M—m! yes, but a honeycomb doesn't look very neat or pretty when it's split open, you know.—*Philadelphia Press.*

A Neighbor of W. J. Bryan.

I am glad of this opportunity to testify to the beneficial effects of Cheney's Expectorant. During the past winter it did not fail once to cure my cold or to give instant relief to coughing.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison National Bank building. Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject lesson: "God." All are invited.

Grace M. E. church, South, Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. to-day by the pastor, and at 7:30 P. M. by the Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., of Henderson.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Sixth and Market streets: Services at 11 A. M. and 4:30 P. M., by Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. All are most cordially invited.

Fifth Street M. E. church South, on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. Alpheus McCullen, pastor: Services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8 P. M. Public invited.

St. John's church, corner of Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: First Sunday after Christmas, holy communion 7:45 A. M. Morning prayer and service at 11 o'clock. Sunday school 4 P. M. Seats free, strangers cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M., services at 7:30 P. M. Annual Christmas tree exercises by the Sunday school Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. Every person welcome.

A Test Of Nerve

(Original.)

"So your father insists upon your marrying the big soldier, Lisa?" said the doctor.

"He does."

"And you wish to marry that pale faced boy, Hans, who dreams and writes verses?"

"I love him."

"Well, my child, I must see what I can do for you."

The next morning Colonel Visher, Lisa's father, received a call from the doctor.

"I came to see you about your daughter," said the latter. "She has no disease, and yet her health is not good. Some mental trouble is wearing on her."

"Yes; she wants to marry that miserable poet, while I want her to marry a thorough man."

"You, being a soldier, think all the bravery is among military men. This poet may have more courage in that frail body of his than your major."

"If I thought that I would give Lisa to Hans."

"Why not put the two men to a test?"

"I am agreeable to that."

"And give Lisa to the one that stands it the better."

"Then she will go to the major. But what test would you suggest, doctor?"

"Leave that to me. I will think of some plan. Come to my office at this hour tomorrow, and I will summon both the suitors to meet you there."

"Very well. I will do as you say. But you do not seem to understand that a soldier is trained to disregard danger, and the major will win."

"We shall see."

The next day Hans reached the doctor's office a few minutes before the others, the doctor having summoned him a little earlier than they.

"Hans," said the doctor, "when I was a boy I loved a little girl. There is no passion in childhood love; it is absolutely pure. I wish you to construct a poem describing this love stealing over me while I was sitting with my little girl one summer evening watching the sun set."

"I will do so tomorrow. But why have you sent for me, doctor?"

"Begin the construction of the poem at once. It must be finished within an hour. If it is successful Lisa may be yours."

"How so?" asked the boy, wondering how a poem could produce such a result.

"Ask no questions, but do as I tell you."

Hans threw himself back into an easy chair and in imagination became a boy sitting beside his child love watching a beautiful sunset. Colonel Visher came in with the major. The colonel cast a contemptuous glance at the poet, who sat staring at the newcomers with his great black eyes. The major, a fine looking fellow, with a strong face and military bearing, looked about him wonderingly. The doctor brought something, evidently a box, covered with a cloth from a closet and set it on a stool in the middle of the room. As soon as it was in place he withdrew the cloth, exposing a glass case in which was a rattlesnake. The viper was darting his vicious eyes from one to the other, showing at the same time his venomous tongue.

"Major," said the doctor, "my friend, Colonel Visher, before giving you his daughter desires to test your bravery. There is a rattlesnake so confined that he is harmless. Do you think you could place your hand on the glass and let him strike at it without withdrawing it?"

The major stepped forward as imperturbably as he had entered upon many a duty on the field of battle and placed his hand on the glass. The serpent made a spring for it, thumping the glass. The major jerked away his hand as if he had been bitten. Coloring with mortification, he placed it a second time on the glass and withdrew it as quickly as before. Again and again he tried it and every time failed.

"That will do," said the doctor. "Hans, come here."

Hans arose and came forward.

"Put your hand on the glass," said the doctor.

Hans mechanically stretched forth his hand and rested it upon the glass. The serpent struck at it, but Hans was in a dream and did not know it.

"That will do," said the doctor. "Gentlemen, the object for which I summoned you has been accomplished. Good morning."

The major went out smarting under his inability to keep his hand where there was nothing but the seeming of danger. Hans stood looking out of the window. The doctor, who was near him, heard him mutter:

"But faint and sweet, like distant strains
From strings in a summer night,
Come thoughts of the childish sympathy
That brought me such delight."

"That'll do, Hans," said the doctor. "You may go. What do you think of his nerve, colonel?"

"Splendid. What a pity he isn't a soldier! He has won Lisa, and he shall have her."

He was standing before the snake's case and was tempted to place his hand on the glass. The snake sprang up, and the colonel sprang back.

"Great heavens!" he exclaimed. "If my men saw me do that they would despise me!"

"Don't trouble yourself, colonel. None of them could do it. Hans is the only man I have ever seen accomplish it."

And Hans could not have done it except through oblivion to the danger. The nerves which directed the motion act independently of the will. But the colonel did not know that.

DWIGHT COOK.

Mrs. E. H. Dunakin

WRITES A LETTER ABOUT VINOL.

How Pale Women May Get Strength. Rich Red Blood and the Bloom of Health In Their Faces.

A pale, bloodless face indicates trouble; it is a sign of weakness, and as we see so many right here in Wilmington the following letter will interest many of our readers.

Mrs. E. H. Dunakin, State Chairman of Correspondence, Woman's Literary Union of Pennsylvania, writes: "I suffered for over a year with general debility and weakness; I had severe backaches, headaches, and was pale and nervous. My physician prescribed different remedies, but they did not seem to help me at all. A club associate recommended Vinol, as it had cured her of a severe stomach trouble. I tried it, and soon felt greatly improved, and after taking four bottles I can say I am free from all my troubles, and it has made me well once more. Several of my friends are using it with beneficial results for lung and stomach

MRS. E. H. DUNAKIN.

troubles and to restore lost strength."

Mr. Robt. R. Bellamy, our well known druggist, says: "There is absolutely no need for people to drag around weak, pale, nervous, run down and devitalized, for he guarantees that Vinol will in a natural manner build up the weak, give strength to the aged, restore color to pale faces, cure stomach troubles, nervousness, hard colds, hacking coughs and make rich, red blood. Containing as it does all the vitalizing principles of cod liver oil, without any oil to upset the stomach. Vinol is the most wonderful rebuilder of health and strength known to medicine, it is not a patent medicine, and is absolutely free from all harmful drugs.

If it fails to give satisfaction money is refunded without question, and it will pay every weak or ailing person in Wilmington to try it on our guarantee. Robt. R. Bellamy.

Strange Animal Friendship.

Pathetic instances are told of strange friendships between animals in captivity. A curious incident occurred in New Orleans some years ago, when a bear was lowered into the cage of an old African lion. The keepers supposed it would be torn to pieces, and many people assembled to see the barbarous exhibition. The bear at once assumed the offensive and rushed at the lion, but, to the amazement of the onlookers, the lion, hitherto regarded as extremely savage and dangerous, placed his paw upon the bear's head as if to express his pity and tried to make friends with him.

Taking the bear under his protection, the lion suffered no one to approach the cage and did not sleep until he was exhausted, so closely did he watch over his new friend. He even allowed him to share his food.

The two animals would lie down side by side, the lion usually with a protective paw over the bear. His delight in companionship was manifested unmistakably, and his captors were humane enough to let the two share the same cage.—Kansas City Independent.

Powdering the Hair.

In 1795 the mayor of Yarmouth, England, issued the following proclamation: "Owing to the present enormous price of corn and the alarming apprehension of a scarcity in that most necessary article, many towns throughout the kingdom have set the laudable example of leaving off for a time the custom of wearing powder in their hair, by which means a great quantity of wheat must infallibly be saved to the nation, and if the price be not reduced it may at least be prevented from increasing. We, therefore, the mayor, justices and principal inhabitants of Great Yarmouth, do recommend the example as worthy imitation, and we flatter ourselves the military will not hesitate to adopt it, being fully convinced that appearances are at all times to be sacrificed to the public weal, and that in doing this they will really do good."

A Curious God.

Among the most extraordinary pieces of symbolism known to have been used by the early Asiatics was a figure of a donkey's head used as a representative of the Deity. There is no doubt whatever that the same emblem was once used among the Hittites, the Egyptians and one or two other nations as a symbol of their red god, Sut. The superstition of the yellow donkey of India, the story of the swift ass of eastern Asia and the ass of Dionysius and many other marvelous ass stories are all survivals of that curious form of religious wroship, the adoration of the ass' head.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.

Miss Inez Sentz—It's true I'm engaged to Mr. Rounders. The other night he told me I was the only girl he ever loved, and—

Miss Truster—Where's the ring? Didn't he give you one?

Miss Inez Sentz—Oh, yes, the very next day, but I sent it back to the jeweler to be fixed. The stupid engraver made the inscription "Jack to Gwendoline" instead of "Inez."—Philadelphia Press.

A Busy Day.

Hallit—What's the matter, Klay? You look all tired out.

Klay—And no wonder. I've had a hard day of it. I don't know when I've worked so hard. I looked at the men clean up the railroad station this morning, and after that I saw three safes raised into four story windows and four loads of coal delivered in baskets.—Boston Transcript.

Her Anatomical Experience.

Teacher (of class in anatomy)—How many bones are there in a chicken?

Millie (youngest member of large family)—I can tell you how many there are in the neck. That's the only part I ever get.—Chicago Tribune.

Near Tiverton, Devonshire, England, there is to be seen a blackbird with a white head and a speckled back.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 26.

Chamber of Commerce closed—no quotations.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Dec. 26.—Savannah—Holiday; New Orleans, holiday, net receipts 4,047 bales; Mobile, nominal, middling 13c, net receipts 1,138 bales; Memphis, firm, middling 13c, net receipts 555 bales.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Prime mercantile paper nominally 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at 480.90@481 for demand and 483.95@484 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 481½@483 and 485@485½.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Clyde steamer Carib, Chichester, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Schr Damietta and Joana, York, New York, C D Maffitt.

Clyde steamer Carib, Chichester, New York, H G Smallbones.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr Damietta and Joana, 310,000 feet lumber; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co; vessel by C D Maffitt.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 27.

STEAMERS.

Caprera, (Br) 2,197 tons, Connell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Ameria, (Br) 1,575 tons, Scarf, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.

Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Maffitt.

Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Maffitt.

Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Maffitt.

Millie R Bohannan, 579 tons, Smith, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeer, C D Maffitt.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Maffitt.

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The ladies who have used Newbro's Herpicide speak of it in the highest terms, for its quick effect in cleansing the scalp of dandruff and also for its excellence as a general hair-dressing. It makes the scalp feel fresh and it allays that itching which dandruff will cause. Newbro's Herpicide effectively cures dandruff, as it destroys the germ that causes it. The same germ causes hair to fall out, and later baldness; in killing it, Herpicide stops falling hair and prevents baldness. It is also an ideal hair dressing, for it lends an aristocratic charm to the hair that is quite distinctive. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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Florida to Cuba.

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RAISINS,

HALL & PEARSALL,
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Ought not to mean growing weak and feeble. It does not mean weakness or feebleness for those who eat with good appetite and sound digestion. It is of the utmost importance that old people should retain the power to digest and assimilate food which is the sole source of physical strength. When age brings feebleness it is generally because of the failure to assimilate the nutrition contained in food.

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Fish, Cheese, Crackers.

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The Stationeer.

de 13 tf 32 North Front St.

Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E Willis, Executrix of J W Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 30th of January, 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 180 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south, parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N. line of Wooster street at a point 180 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 18.

3rd. A lot beginning at a point on Lot 8, block 88, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, with Dawson 32 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 32 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to north line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of Lot Block 470.

WALTER P. GAFFORD,
dec 19 1m Commissioner.

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Home grown thin shell Nuts 15c per pound.

Fox River Butter, 5 pound Pails, 30 cents.

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Pearl Grits.

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300 Kegs Mullets.

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dec 18 tf 5 and 7 South Water Street

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, } In the Superior Court.
Joseph Turner and Emma Turner, Vs. Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner.

It being made to appear, by affidavit in this cause, that the defendants above named, Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, are non-residents of this State and cannot, after due diligence, be found in this State; that a cause of action exists in favor of the plaintiffs against the defendants in that they are necessary parties to this action, the same being for a partition of a lot of land in the City of Wilmington, described in the partition filed in this cause owned by the parties hereto as tenants in common, and heirs at law of Emeline Jarvis.

Now let the defendants, Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, be and appear before me at my office, in the Court House in Wilmington, N. C., on the 1st day of February, 1904, and answer or demur to the complaint this day filed in this cause, or judgment will be granted against them according to the prayer of the complaint.

Dated this the 19th day of December, 1903.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover Court.
su dec 20 6t

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50 Bbls Stick Candy.
200 Cases Salmons.
100 Boxes Octagon Soap.
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Rubbers.

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Are better selected than ever before and we confidently assert that we are giving more value for the money than we ever did at any time in the past.

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also of Krippendorf-Dittman Co.'s for Ladies. Duttenhofer's still going at and below cost.

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IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

As to what to purchase for a Christmas Gift, we would respectfully invite you to call on us that we may show you our line of goods, which you will find to consist of a host of valuable and useful articles.....

Brass Fenders in several designs, $5, $6, $7.50 and $8.75.

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Latest patterns in scissors. Hermann Baker's make, nothing better, 50c to 85c.

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Renovated Butter.

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961 Bags Acme Guano.
1206 Bags Truckers' Guano.
942 Bgs Blood Bone Potash
1109 Bags 13 per cent. Acid
810 Bags 14 per cent. Acid
2100 Bags C. S. Meal.
214 Bags Muriate Potash.
309 Bags Nitrate Soda.
3450 Bags Cotton Guano.
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W. B. COOPER,
de 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

What is the nicest present to make a gentleman Xmas? Go to

HAMME, THE HATTER,

he will tell you.

Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.
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'Phones 15. nov 24 tf

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Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

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Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

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You can save money by seeing our line before purchasing.

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dec 25 tf

SALE OF LANDS

For Taxes Unpaid For 1903.

I Have Levied Upon and will Sell at Public Auction, at the Court House Door of New Hanover County on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1904, at 12 o'clock M., the following Described Real Estate, to Satisfy the Unpaid Taxes Due the State of North Carolina and the County of New Hanover for the Year 1903, together with the Cost and Expenses Due Thereon Unless the Amounts so Due and Unpaid are Settled Before Sale.

FRANK H. STEDMAN, Sheriff.

New Hanover County.

December 5th, 1903.

NAME.	Map Book	LOT.	Tax and Cost.
WHITE.			
B			
Baggett, L W and...			
B R King		52 m 1 2 3 & e 4	11 92
Bailey, E F		138 w 5 6	
do do		15 e ¼ 3 4	88 49
Batts, Elizabeth		77 e m ¼ 6	5 85
Bell, mrs M M		100 west end 5	16 94
Biddle, heirs Julia A		78 m 1 2 3	6 61
Bostwright, Victor T		129 e pt w end 2	8 89
Brady, Sarah		91 w m 1	
		47 w & w m 1	7 57
Brown, A A		488 m e m e m & w m 3 4 5	4 34
Bunting, L M		218 s e ¼ 1	17 67
C			
Canady, W A		68 pt e m 4 5 6	7 05
Collier, mrs E F		204 w ½ 5	
do do		191 w m 1	
do do		206 e m 5	
do do		343 ¾ of 5	
do do		197 e 3	98 43
do do		200 pt 5	6 00
D			
DeRossett, Rath		115 e m 1	17 69
do hrs mrs T E		140 w ¼ 4	14 96
Dunn, mrs R B		194 w 5	25 20
Dick & Reilley, agts			
Cotton, mrs A H		127 e 3	
do do		140 e 3	142 79
McGlone, Thomas		257 w ¾ 4 5	3 97
Shaffer, A W		267 e 5 4	1 88
E			
Ellis, R H		185 w 4 5	3 04
do do		73 e e 4	17 80
Evans, Mary M		101 e ¾ 4	5 09
F			
WHITE			
Forest, J J		108 w 6	7 37
G			
Grant, Anna and		177 e 2	
Miss Lawton		279 w ¼ 3	63 13
Green, Wm H		63 w 4 5	9 17
Guthrie, Fannie		74 e 6	6 15
H			
Harriss, M McI		627 all	
do do		5 9 all	
do do		95 all 6	88 49
do do		89 e m 1 9 pt 3	
do do		525 pt 5 all 6	
do do		97 all 4	
do do		98 all 1	
do do		14 all 3	7 45
Harriss, W N Agt		32 n e ¼ 1	
do do		583 s w ¼ 1	2 94
Heinsberger, P		193 w 2 3	29 86
Hewlett, J H		117 e m 1	8 56
do Martha B		117 w 1	11 17
Hibernian Associat'n		179 n e 4	8 13
Hill, Willie		239 e m 5	4 39
Hinton, Camille P		137 n m 1 9 & pt 3	22 96
Hurst, W M		48 m 1 2 w 3	9 01
J			
James, George H		61 w 2	6 26
Jewell, K W		90 e m 1	2 16
Jones, Rebecca A		77 w m 6	2 44
do Stephen		336 e 5	8 68
Johnson, E F		1 3 w m 3	
do do		1 e m 1 2 m 3 4	84 75
K			
Keenan, Mary E		486 w 1 2 3	4 34
King, Rev J P		80 m 1 2	3 30
do Josephene King		78 pt e m & e 6	
do do		78 e e 6 & e m 4 5	
do do		50 e m 1 2	18 50
do W J		51 m 5 6	5 14
Knowles, Jos W		41 pt w end 1	6 17
L			
Lander, Jane		18 e m 1	3 01
Lathrop, E S		134 s e 3	22 76
LeGwin, mrs S C		186 w end 1 2	6 91
M			
Mason, E T		74 e ¼ 5 s e ¼ 6	
do do		60 e 6	21 52
do Mary J		60 pt e m 6	2 81
Meares, h s mrs A C		238 w m 1 2 3 4	70 94
Meginney mrs Valeria		180 e 3 4 5	35 44
Mix, Z S N		65 n ½ 5	9 19
Moore, miss L B		488 w 1 2 3 4 5	15 45
do W C		6 m 1	2 63
do do		37 pt w ¼ 1 n w 2 9	9 97
Morrelle, m s C A		196 n w ¼ 4	7 87
McFarland miss Elizabeth		218 w 2	27 85
McKoy mrs K B		101 e 1	28 99
do W B		141 w m 2	10 71
N			
Nutt, J D		2 6 e pt 5	26 96
O			
WHITE.			
O'Sullivan, J B		115 pt e end 6 & 6¼	8 19
P			
Parker, C C Jr		69 n e ¼ 4	4 77
Penny, mrs C G		138 n m 1 9	11 17
Pearn, mrs S C		191 n e 4	14 57
R			
Rankin, mrs E S		17 w end 1	15 72
Reeves, B F		3 w 1	6 86
do W J		87 e ¼ 4 pt 3	
do do		87 e ¼ 5	
do do		88 w ½ 2 w 6	
do do		130 w 6	74 09
Richards, E V		141 w ¼ 3 4	10 83
Roderick John		4 o 4	7 75
S			
Saunders, H G & wife		78 m 1 2 3	
do do		94 w m 4	11 87
Sharp, J E & W H		6 n w 2	4 14
do do		62 pt 1	7 42
Simmons, mrs Mary F		166 w 4	18 75
Smith, mrs M E		180 w 1	9 73
Southland, mrs G		172 w 1 2	16 07
do mrs Susan C		197 w 4	89 33
Steljes, mrs M F		64 w 1 9	
do do		64 w 3 all 6	
do do		78 w 1 2 8	
do do		1 6 e 6	60 14
Swann, Vraus		78 n e ¼ 2	6 05
T			
Turrentine, Jno H Jr		206 w ¼ 2	14 63
do m s M B		159 e 1 2 3	36 20
Thurston hrs Yelphia		89 e ½ 2	5 09
V			
VanAmringe, C S		8 all 4 5 e ¼ 6	
do do		131 w m 1 2 3	
do do		87 n w ¼ 5	28 47
do Miss Fannie W		156 pt m 5	21 08
W			
Warren, E D		210 e o 1	7 61
Ward, Alice		68 pt 1	4 72
Williams, mrs S K		106 s w ¼ 3	11 50
Wilson, A M		103 n e 1	14 01
Woodard Geo A Executor		2 2 4	30 01
Wright Jno W		222 w 3 4 5	
J G Wright & Son, Agents		144 w m 6	
Fowden, mrs M O		184 n 2	16 47
Bland D P hrs		145 e 2	14 96
Rowell, mrs Comfort		146 w 3 4	10 40
Strauss mrs J		208 pt 2 3 4	30 97
Strauss, miss Ellen		166 w 1 2 3	
do do		90 e ½ 6	21 99
Turlington, B S		294 w 6	6 64
Wheeler, L W		3 0 e ¼ 4	
do do		142 m 5	7 44
Wilmington Sewerage Co		456 pt 5 6 all pipes & in streets	608 42
A			
COLORED.			
Alexander, Jerry		147 m 1	5 72
Allen, Andrew J		541 s e 6	
do do		140 n w ¼ 1	4 33
Alston, J U		293 n w ¼ 3	8 47
Austin, Jno J		288 w m 1 2	
do do		285 n e ¼ 3	9 09
do Julia		1 4 e m 3	2 44
B			
Barfield, Rosa		347 e m 1	2 45
Baker Minerva		300 e m 1	2 08
Batson, Wm S		310 e 5 6 8 3	5 53
Bennett, hrs John		339 e 5	3 38
Berry, L P		232 e p 3 4	2 81
Blackwell, hrs Betsey		48 e end 3	3 90
do hrs Susan		336 e end 3	2 43
Blount, Esther		23 n e ¼ 4	2 82
do hrs Harry		229 e pt 1 2 3	2 39
Bradley, David		271 w m 5	14 14
do heirs Lucy		80 n w ¼ 6	3 38
Bright, John		91 e pt 2 3	4 84
Brown, hrs James		350 w 5	2 25
do hrs Levinia		310 p 2 3	4 84
Bryan, R chel A		308 w m 1	2 63
Bryant, Maria A		490 w 1	2 44
Bruarl, Francis		4 w ¼ 4	2 81
Burton, Minerva		253 w 3	3 90
Byrd, Kenan		252 n w ¼ 3	4 46
do Richard		38 e 1 1	2 81
do Arrie		47 e p 6	3 91
do hrs Edward		81 w 5 6	2 44
C			
Clark, hrs Sam		630 n e ¼ 2	2 06
Cochran, Joshua		327 w pt 4 5	4 94
Collins, hrs Sarah A		126 e ¾ 4	3 58
Corbett, Nancy C		211 n e 1	3 96
Council, Timon		337 e 4	2 81
Crandall, Jerry		149 n e ¼ 5	5 12
D			
Davis, Betsey Ann		119 e m 1 2	4 34
do Charlotte L		226 p w 2 3	2 81
do h s Hattie		80 s w ¼ 4	2 25
do Jas H		212 e m 1	3 58
do John Henry		119 e m 1 2	3 76
do hrs Louisa		4 w m 4 5	2 44
do Nancy		482 s w 3	4 34
do Toney		540 s w ¼ 4	2 64
Devane, Rev W H		298 e pt 3 4 5	4 53
Dixon, Nelson		68 w 4	4 39
Dudley, Wm H		36 w m 1	4 57
Durham, James		146 e pt 6	4 79
DeBerry, T J		541 n w ¼ 4	1 60
Durant, hrs James		257 w 3 4	2 81
Dick & Reilly, agents			
Hansley, Barsheba		263 e ¼ 1	14 58
E			
Ellerson, Alex E		56 n e ¼ 4	1 49
Evans, Cornelius		93 e m 1 2	4 77
do hrs Julius		77 n w ¼ 5	
do do		25 w ¼ 5	5 80
Everitt, Richard		309 e m 1 2	1 68
Eagles, Ella A		209 w ¼ 4	4 72
F			
Faircloth, William		541 e w ¼ 1	8 01
Foy, heirs James		148 n e ¼ & e m 1	2 81
Free Love and Golden Lyre		106 w ¼ 1	8 89
Ferguson, hrs Sallie		436 s e 1 2	3 06
G			
Galley, Jas M		254 e ¼ 3	4 91
Galloway, W		27 w m 1 2	5 53
Gospel Trumpeters		38 s e 2 3	3 21
Green, Henry		66 w pt 2	
do do		62 m 6	
do do		585 all 6	
do do		52 n e ¼ 4	
do do		50 w ¼ 6	
do do		518 all 1	
do do		80 w m pt 1	
do do		46 e pt e m 1 2	

NAME	Map Book	Description	Tax and Cost
do do		38 e ¼ 8 w pt 4 5	
do do		37 e ¼ 3	
do do		56 n w ¼ 8	
do do		67 e 5 & 5	16 59
do Jane Bet F		108 p w ½ 4	1 68
do hrs J W		63 w ½ 4	7 76
Griffin, Lucy		327 w 3	2 06
Ganse, Edward S		327 w m 1 2	
do do		330 e end 4 5	7 54
H			
Hall, C D & hrs Mary			
Jane		23 n e & s w ¼ 2	5 72
do hrs E L		300 e m 345	
do do		187 w m 4 5	3 55
do Richard P		479 w m 1	
do do		350 e p 3 4	
do do		5 8 w ¼ 5	8 98
do Wm H		27 n e ¼ 1	1 40
do W M		227 n w pt 3 pt 2	1 68
Harriss, Lorick		267 w ¼ 5	2 81
Henderson, Betsy		48 e m 6	2 81
Hill, Chas H		188 w p 2	5 53
do Lincoln		99 e 2 3	6 07
do Louis		3 n e ¼ 4	4 94
Holland, hrs Ben		170 m 3 4 5	4 34
Holmes, William		394 e end	7 42
Hooper, John		325 w m 3 4	4 77
do Johnson		132 e m 5 6	8 51
do Thomas		325 n w ¾ 4	5 53
Howard, Andrew		19 n w ¼ 4 s w ¼ 3	9 07
I			
Isler, Sampson		324 w 1 n w 1	
do do		348 s e m 2	6 75
Ivery, Caroline A		340 w ¼ 3	4 70
J			
James, Wm Henry		37 e p 1	4 48
Jarvis, hrs Evelina		262 e end 5	4 72
Jenkins, Jas C		148 e m 1 +	2 84
Johnson Alex		36 west m 1	6 19
do J H		240 e pt 4	8 18
Jones, Henry L		87 n w ¼ 1	1 50
do Moses, Jr		148 s e 6 6 ¾	1 68
Jordan, Wm A		149 n e ¼ 6	5 73
K			
COLORED			
King, Ben		351 west 5	1 83
L			
Larkins Dolly		536 e p 2	2 80
Leonard, George		149 s w ¼ 5	3 96
Livingston, hrs Annette		149 e m 1 2 3	2 44
Lofti Major		486 w 1 2 3	6 61
Love e Charity 22		140 s w ¼ 2	1 46
M			
Mallett, Lizz & Wm P		247 w ½ 1	10 40
Martin, C M		294 m 4 5	
do do		490 w 1	9 80
Martin, Nellie		182 w 1	
do do		298 w 1	5 49
May Fennel J		137 n w 2	5 15
do Sarah A		48 m p e ¼ 4	4 54
do do		68 s w ¼ 2	5 69
Middleton, Lucy A		161 e m 6	
Milton Noble		367 s e ¼ 4	6 81
do do		2281 points	5 68
Mitchell J W		80 e p 1	4 72
do hrs Lucy		194 w 4	3 51
Moore, Polly		175 e m 3 4	
do Rose & Lincoln		218 p 1 2 3	4 84
do hrs Thos T		260 s w 5	3 58
Morgan, hrs Abner		187 9 m p 4 5	3 96
Murray, Julius A		110 e m 5	7 92
McDuffie, J W		30 w end 6	2 06
McFarland, Simon		336 e 1	2 44
McIntire, Nancy		253 w 1	
do do		149 e m 1	2 26
McKoy, Frank L		289 e m 1	1 68
do Malsino		120 m 1 2	2 05
McLauchlin, Jas		64 w ¼ 2 4	4 17
McMillan, Jas Guard		367 e m 1 2	4 34
McNeal, Jno		350 s w ¼ 1	2 81
McRae, Jno C		252 e 3	4 39
N			
Newkirk, Thos		382 e 2	2 40
Nichols, Elizabeth		325 s w 3 pt 4	2 06
Nixon, hrs Prince		479 w 1 2 3	
do do		50 w ¼ 3	2 06
O			
COLORED			
Cuslow Jacob		213	5 94
P			
Pearson, hrs Jno		310 n w pt 2	1 58
Perkins, Dennis		74 w ½ 5	3 58
Price, Susan Campbell		56 n w ¼ 4	1 49
Q			
COLORED			
Quick, Wm		211 e m 1	6 28
R			
Reid, Isabella		354 west 4 5	1 68
do hrs Samuel		205 west 1	
do do		69 all 6 w 5	8 71
Robinson, heirs of Agnes J		39 pt 5	
Robinson, heirs of Agnes J		39 end 1 2	3 78
Robinson, hrs H'y		290 n w 1	2 06
Rountree, h-irs of Dennis		337 e m 1 2	2 06
Russ, hrs Henrietta		19 w 5 6	3 30
S			
Sadgwar, Fannie J		390 w ½ 5	14 58
Scott, Jacob		110 e p 5 & 6	4 72
Shepard, Charles		149 s w p 6	5 58
do Dross		40 n w ¼ 5	4 58
do hrs Mitchell		38 w 1	4 34
do Penny		52 e 6	3 21
Sheridan, Jno A		518 all 4	1 68
do Rachael		106 n w ¼ 2	3 39
Simmons, Nathaniel		187 e 4 5	3 21
do hrs Susan		362 w m 2 3	3 21
Smith, Jno C		271 w end	2 81
do Sam		391 n w ¼ 4	2 96
do Lena or Candis		540 n e ¼ 6	2 25
Stanley, Wright		38 e m 1 2	4 34
do Charles		27 s w ¼ 2	3 82
Stokes, B C		51 n e ¼ 3	
do do		82 n e ¼ 5	7 24
Suggs, Jno		356 w m 1	3 20
Sykes Taylor		541 n e ¼ 5	3 86
T			
Taylor, Edward R		55 s w ¼ 3 n w ¼ 4	4 58
Thompson, Jacob		339 w p 1	3 21
Turner, John H		134 e 5 6	4 61
do Mary E		264 w ¼ 1	6 69
do hrs Watson		349 w p 3 4	2 06
W			
Waddell, Cato		384 s w 4	
do do		80 p n e ¼ 2	4 54
Walker, Chas E		21 n ½ 2 4	4 34
do Henry hrs		240 e p 1	3 96
Walker, Margie M		383 w p 4 5	2 81
do Sarah		211 e e end 1 e m	2 57
do do		236 w ½ 2	3 96
Washington, hrs		148 e end 6	3 21
Watters, Amy		236 east 1	2 25
do Eliza		336 e m 2	11 10
Whiteman, Jno H		234 s w ¼ 4	3 96
Wilkins, hrs Malinda		46 e p 3	5 53
Williams, Amelia		341 pt 4	4 58
do Edward		255 n w ¼ 2	4 74
do Kate W		232 e 1	5 85
do hrs Kate		160 w 5	
Winfield, hrs Ferdinand		312 w m 5	2 45
Wortham Benjamin		96 w ¼ 4	4 34
J G Wright & Sons Agents			
Adams, Ella S		307 w m 1	6 69
Davis, Hester		309 e 2	5 85
Wright, R C		350 n w 1 n w ¼ 2	
do do		76 pt e m 6	7 96
Y			
COLORED			
Yarborough, Annie E		88 e & e m 1	8 70
Jenkins, hrs Maria		199 west 1	2 82

Delinquent Whites in Wilmington Township.

Cutlar, DaBrutz		34 n e ¼ 2	
do do		576 w ½ 5	
do do		949 w m 5	
do do		80 e ¾ 4	
do do		369 w m 5	
do do		187 n w ¼ 4	
do do		148 e 3 5 6 pt n e ¼ 6	
do do		148 e m ¾ 4	
do do		279 n w 1	
do do		37 s e ¼ 2	
do do		47 e m 1	
do do		66 all 2	
do do		59 s e ¾ 4	
do do		486 w m 1 2 3 4 5	
do do		52 n e 4	
do do		339 s e 5 n e 3	42 99
Daniel, C H		66 e 1 pt 4	4 34
Daniel, heirs James		5 e ½ 5	1 68
Gordon, Eliza		119 s w ¼ 3	3 96
Gore, D L & A V Horne		67 w 5 6	3 96
Hardwick, Annie F		32 w 4 5	2 82
Justice, Theo		281 e 2	20 27
Johnson, Alice		196 w m 4 5 6	1 68
Loseen, Thomas		19 pt s w ¼ 4	6 34
Long, Ellen		341 e w pt 6	153 04
Masonic Temple		166 e 2 and 3	2 06
Meares, heirs mrs A C		522 e ¼ 1 2 3 pt 4	
Mills, heirs J W		471 w 5 6	
do do		66 w m 6	3 85
do do		68 m 6	4 72
Moody, hrs S M & wife		808 e 1	
Morris, hrs Francis		3 pt 1 2	
do do		3 all 1 2	
do do		4 all 1 3 pt 3	
do do		5 all 1 2 pt 3 4	
do do		11 pt 2 3 all 4 5 6	
do do		12 all 4 5 pt 3 4	
do do		13 all 3 4 5 pt 4	
do do		14 pt 5 all 6	
do do		17 all 4 5 6 pt 3	
do do		18 pt 3 4 all 5 6	
do do		19 pt 4 5 all 6	
do do		20 pt 5 6	
do do		29 all 5 6 pt 4	
do do		30 pt 2 4 all 5 6	
do do		33 & pt 5 6	
do do		62 e p 6	
Nixon, Ross or W M Cumming		228 e 3	3 96
Sykes, John		523 w 3	2 06
Watson, hrs Sarah A		6 ½ int. ¼ 3 4	3 39
Whitehead, Z W		197 w 1 2 3	63 18
Wessell, heirs A C		3 m 6	2 06
Wilson, hrs James & Dubrien Cutlar		80 s e ¼ 2 pt n e 2	2 06
Wood, Willie Ann		204 m 1	1 68
Wilson, hrs James		470 w 1 2	1 40
Wright, Thomas H		523 west pt 1 2 3 4 5 6	1 68

Delinquent Colored in Wilmington Township.

B			
Bonitz, heirs John		40 e 5 6	2 64
Bradley, hrs Charles		219 e end 1 2	2 48
Bradley, hrs Mary C		79 e 1 2	1 66
Brown, hrs James		296 w 1 2	3 06
Burke, hrs A A		327 w 1 2	1 60
Brown, hrs Benj		336 w m 4 5	3 58
Blackwell, Martha J		338 w end 5	3 58
Bampass, Sam		33 n e 3	1 53
Byrd, A J		69 m 1	9 06
C			
Capps, John		54 m 1 pt 2	2 25
Calvin, hrs James		140 s e 6 ¾	4 08
Clinton, Lucretia		304 e 4	2 82
Cuyler, S P		60 e 1	1 68
D			
Epps, Rev Henry		230 n e ¼ 4	4 34
Evans, hrs Jubal		161 e n & pt 4	5 85
Evans, hrs Wm sam		97 s w ¼ 5 n w ¼ 6	1 68
Ellison, Sophy		38 west 6	1 68
Everett, hrs Marinda		47 e m 1 2	2 89
F			
Fennell, G M		291 n e ¼ e w ¼ 5	1 68
Flowers, Betsey		83 n e ¼ 4	1 68
G			
Green, hrs Sam		113 n w 2 & e m 3 4	3 96
Green, Henry Davis & Walters		83 s ¼ 5	3 95
Ganse, hrs Elizabeth		46 n m 5 6	1 68
Green, Mary C or Smith		277 n w 2 3	3 25
Green, Margaret & Maria Howard		105 w m 6	3 23
Gay, Armanda		35 e 4	1 53
Ganse, Henry		327 e m 5 6	1 68
Ganse, Henry S		251 n w ¼ 2	1 96
Hemtin, George H		353 n w ¼ 1	1 40
Howe, Sophia		284 e 5	2 45

NAME	Block	Description	Tax and Cost
Henderson, W E		95 w ¼ 4	2 44
Hill, Sarah		68 n w ¼ 4	1 68
Hill, Willie & Lizzie Mitchell		240 m 4	2 45
Hill, Abbie & Lizzie Mitchell		168 w 4	2 82
Howe, Josephine		468 s w ¼ 2	2 16
Howard, Martha		32 n e ¼ 3	2 25
do heirs Harry		49 e m 1 2 3	2 45
Jackson, W H		33 m 1'	2 06
Johnson, W T		40 s w ¼ 5	2 25
Johnson, Lonias		148 e 1	2 06
K			
King, N E		58 w m 3 4	1 68
L			
Lewis, heirs John H		256 e end 6	4 72
Loftin, James H		294 n w 2	3 58
Lee Boo, heirs Lacy		337 e 4	1 87
Loftin, hrs Rufus and Allen Ryen		490 w 1 6	2 44
Loftin, Isaac		492 e m 1 2	2 25
M			
McRae, John		40 n e 5	1 76
McQueen, J E W		58 m 4 5	1 87
Moore, J P & wife		161 w p 4 5	3 96
Moseley, Nelson		308 s w 1	1 68
N			
Newkirk, Isham		338 m 1'	2 06
Perpetual B & L Assn		40 s w ¼ 2	1 80
Purnell, William		46 n w ¼ 3	2 63
Q			
Quick Isham & Int. B & L Association		106 n w ¼ 3	8 98
J Lottin		213 w m 3 4	2 06
R			
Russ, Maria		227 w end 1	2 06
Reaves, heirs E		8 e o 3	3 90
Revis, D L		31 pt 3 m 1	2 82
Rowell, Lucilla		146 o 3	4 15
Russ, heirs Nelson		349 w pt 4 5	2 82
S			
Spicer, Daniel		38 w ¼ 3	
do do		27 s w ¼ 6	4 25
do Thomas		39 w ¼ 1 2 3	2 44
Sanders, C R		55 s e ¼ 1 2 3 e m 1 2	1 76
Southerland, Mary and Nancy		69 e 5	1 68
Sampson, Mary Ann		219 m 5	2 44
Stratton, hrs Clarissa		330 e 2	97
Skurlock, Mary		80 s w ¼ 2	13 58
COLORED			
Turner, Mary Ann		338 e 4 5	2 36
W			
Watters, Maria		307 e m 2 3	2 06
Wooten, Sophie		336 e 4 5	2 44
Waddell hrs Herman		349 w 2	1 68
Williams, Jane o Knox		149 e m 6 6 ¾	3 90

Harnett Township

WHITE			
Alford, Geo H		17 Pt Harper's land	6 67
Blake A E or S E		11 pt Monk tract	16 04
Blue, L A		1 sto e lot Wrightsville	
do do		1 lot Summer Rest	9 41
Butler		23 pt O Batson's land	1 87
Edens, R N		W Rogers place Greenville	7 46
Ellis, miss Martha			11 93
Emmett, J E		25 pt N'chols land	2 06
Galloway Thos		13 pt Nichols land	4 89
Harriss, George agt		5350 Sanders tract	
do do		3 pt Bradham tract	80 97
do do		109 Home place	5 13
Highs

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SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 27.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Five Hundred Children the Guests of Mrs. Roosevelt — Hearty Greeting to the President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Five hundred children, youthful sons and daughters of members of the cabinet, senators, representatives, army and navy officers, members of the diplomatic corps, assistant secretaries of Departments and Washington newspaper correspondents, were the guests, between four and six thirty o'clock this afternoon, of Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt was assisted by the ladies of the cabinet circle and Mrs. Loeb, Mrs. Cowles and Miss Hagner.

The White House had been beautifully decorated for this Christmas party. Great palms and Christmas greens adorned the reception hall and parlors, the green being enlivened here and there with splashes of the flaming red of poinsetta blossoms and American beauty roses.

The children were formed in line in the east terrace. Thence they marched up the main staircase to the green room, where they were received by their hostess quite as if they were grown-ups. Each child was introduced to Mrs. Roosevelt by Major Charles McCawley, of the marine corps, and by her was given a cordial greeting. The little guests were conducted through the green room to the east room by officers of the army, navy and marine corps in full uniform and there seated.

The entertainment began with a musical programme rendered by "Roney's Boys" Concert Company, of Chicago, with Henry B. Roney as director. Just before the first number of the musical programme was rendered, President Roosevelt entered the room, taking an inconspicuous seat near the green room entrance. He entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion and enjoyed every minute of the entertainment. Scores of the children were afforded an opportunity to greet the President and to wish him a "Happy New Year."

At the conclusion of the concert, the youthful guests were escorted to the State dining room to the music of the marine band. The dining room was handsomely decorated. On a table at the north end was a beautiful Christmas tree loaded with favors and lighted by scores of particolored electric lights. Pretty favors were provided for each guest.

After the refreshments had been served, the young people returned to the East room. There the older danced, while the younger ones played games in the parlors.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

To Lynch a Negro in Jail at Bartow, Fla., Suspected of Shooting Col. and Mrs. John Beatty.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BARTOW, FLA., Dec. 26.—Night before last, shortly after dark, about twenty-five or thirty men, armed to the teeth, marched into this city and for a time it was thought that the crowd would make a determined effort to get Berry Henry, the negro in jail supposed to be the one wanted for shooting Colonel and Mrs. John Beatty Thursday morning. But for the dogged determination of Sheriff Tilly it is more than likely that they would have made a raid on the jail. With guns pointed at the officer, they told him to get out of the way and let them have the negro; but he very coolly told them that if they advanced closer they would do so at their own peril.

The mob finally dispersed, being assured that the negro would be taken before Colonel Beatty for identification at the earliest possible moment. Henry was spirited to Tampa last night, the sheriff fearing another attempt to lynch him. Officers drove to Pridgen with the negro, where they boarded a train for Tampa.

Mrs. Beatty is not considered out of danger. The attending physician reports that her skull was fractured. It is not at all certain that she will recover. Colonel Beatty's wound was slight.

A PITCED BATTLE.

White Man Killed and Four Negroes Seriously Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BROWNSVILLE, TENN., Dec. 26.—One man was killed and four men were seriously wounded as the result of a pitched battle near Randolph. The trouble started by a fusilade from a double-barrel shot-gun in the hands of a young merchant named Tom Hollingshead, and the volley was returned by John Jackson with a pistol. Hollingshead fell dead with a bullet through his heart, and John, Walter, Henry Jackson and Andrew Pugh, all negroes, were seriously wounded. The trouble arose over the settlement of a debt of a few dollars.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Averages of the Associated Banks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows:

Loans $892,262,800; increase $13,522,600. Deposits $865,919,700; increase $17,634,700. Circulation $45,304,400; decrease $721,700. Legal tenders $67,902,500; decrease $307,000. Specie $161,151,800; increase $3,264,800. Reserve $329,054,300; increase $3,957,800. Reserve required $216,479,675; increase $4,408,675. Surplus $12,574,625; decrease $1,450,875. Ex-U. S. deposits $21,786,950; decrease $2,446,000.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema nd Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

JAPANESE BUYING MORE WARSHIPS.

Great Confidence is Expressed of Peaceful Arrangments Between Russia and Japan.

IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES.

Nothing Yet Known of the Probable Nature of the Russian Reply—Japan Sending a Large Military Force to Corea.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Captain Prat, which are for sale. It is only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayaspi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press today, relative to these negotiations:

"We want more ships. Of course, this is only a precautionary measure and it may be a lot of expense for nothing.

"I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally, I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time.

"There is no truth whatsoever, in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked about the dispatch from Berlin of December 24th, saying the British government had represented to the Czar that Great Britain "deemed Japan's demands just and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain at Petersburg, said: "The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken up in her last note."

At the Foreign Office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Diplomatic circles here express greater confidence than ever in an ultimate peaceful arrangement between Russia and Japan.

Sending Troops to Corea.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—It was learned in authoritative quarters to-day that Japan is about to send a large military force to Corea, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order at the disturbed ports. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men.

Japan has been assured that Russia will not consider the sending of troops to Corea to be an unfriendly act or a casus belli. It is anticipated that the departure of the troops will revive the war rumors, which, however, it is pointed out in authoritative quarters, will be unjustified, in view of Russia's acquiescence.

During the recent exchanges of communications between Russia and Japan, the former fully recognized the need of the presence of a strong military authority in Corea, and conceded that Japan was in the best position to promptly send troops to the disturbed points.

The sending of the troops, nevertheless, is construed as having an important bearing on the present negotiations, as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of paramount authority over Corea. It is further said in the same quarters that the preparation for this expedition was the cause of the recent great activity at the Japanese arsenals and stock yards, which, it is asserted, has been erroneously ascribed to preparations against Russia.

Information has also been received here that Foreign Minister Lansdorf has personally received Japan's reply, and that in view of its terms, he is said to have expressed surprise at the reports of Japan's belligerent attitude. This, it is added, is regarded as clearly showing the amicable spirit in which the negotiations are proceeding.

U. S. GUNBOAT VICKSBURG.

Ordered from Shanghai to Corea for Protection of American Interests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Rear Admiral Stirling, temporarily in command of the Asiatic station, cables the Navy Department announcing the departure of the gunboat Vicksburg to-day from Shanghai for Chemulpo, Corea, where she has been ordered at the instance of Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul. The local riots at Chemulpo recently endangered American life and property and the dispatch of a warship was thought necessary.

As the marine guard of the Vicksburg does not exceed a half dozen men, Rear Admiral Sterling has been instructed to send a company of marines from the Philippines to Chemulpo on board the transport Zafiro. The marines will go aboard the Vicksburg at Chemulpo, and it is stated that they will not be landed unless American interests are further threatened.

TALLEST ON EARTH.

Building Forty Stories High to be Erected on Broadway, New York City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The tallest building on earth is to be erected in lower Broadway, if the present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, forty stories high from the entrance to the top floor and surmounted by a sixty-foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total height of 615 feet, making it over twice as high as the Flat Iron building and almost as tall again as the Park Row building, which at present holds the record.

This building would extend one full block on Broadway and its cost including the site will reach $10,000,000. The land is said to have been secured, and completion of the building within one year is promised.

FATAL AFFRAY.

At a Christmas Festival, in a Country Church in Alabama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BESSEMER, ALA., Dec. 26.—Information has reached here from Clear Bluff of the killing of John Parsons by A. J. Lockhart, at a Christmas tree festival given at a church. Lockhart, a peace officer, was acting as Santa Claus. It is alleged that Parsons became disorderly while the exercises were in progress and Lockhart halted the proceedings and ejected him. When the affair was over Parsons attacked Lockhart with a knife as the latter left the building. Lockhart drew a pistol and shot Parsons to death, after having himself been cut in several places.

CLYDE LINE STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION.

The Kiowa Rammed by the Admiral Dewey — In Boston Harbor—Capt. Chichester and Crew Rescued.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 26.—In a blinding snow storm which swept Boston harbor this afternoon the new Clyde line steamer Kiowa, inward bound from Jacksonville, Fla., and Charleston, S. C., was rammed and sunk by the steamer Admiral Dewey, of the United Fruit Company, outward bound, for Port Antonio, Jamaica, and Port Limon, Costa Rica.

Captain Chichester and the entire crews of the Kiowa, numbering thirty men, were rescued by a tug. The Admiral Dewey sustained practically no damage and after laying to for the purpose of rendering possible assistance, she proceeded on her voyage.

With several passengers and a big general freight cargo the Admiral Dewey sailed from this city shortly after 12 o'clock. Owing to the driving snow storm, the Dewey was making her way out at slow speed. A few miles beyond Boston light, the Kiowa appeared through the clouds of mist and snow, directly ahead. Before the course could be shifted the steamers collided. The Admiral Dewey struck the Kiowa a powerful blow on the port side just abaft the main-rigging, the sharp prow of the fruiter cutting in for a considerable distance.

The damaged craft immediately began to fill. The city of Boston's tug Cormorant, which was passing, ran alongside the Kiowa and took off her captain and crew. This was a most difficult task owing to the heavy sea, and in attempting to jump from their vessel to the tug some of the Kiowo's men fell into the water. They were rescued by the Cormorant's men and all hands brought to this city. The Kiowa sank shortly after the accident. She had a big cargo of lumber, cotton, naval stores, iron and general merchandise.

The Kiowa was the latest addition to the Clyde Line fleet, having been built at Philadelphia early the present year. She was a steel, two-masted, three-decked vessel, 300 feet long, with 22 feet depth of hold, net tonnage 2,254 and gross tonnage 2,949.

TEN PERSONS KILLED THIRTY-ONE INJURED.

Two Trains Demolished in a Head-on Collision Near Grand Rapids, Mich. Crowded With Passengers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Dec. 26.—Ten persons are dead and thirty-one injured, several of them fatally, as the result of the collision early this evening of two passenger trains on the Pere Marquette railroad, one-half mile west of East Paris and six miles east of this city. The collision, which was head-on, was caused, according to a statement issued by the officials of the road at the general offices in Detroit, by the high wind blowing out the red signal lamp at McCords where the west bound train should have stopped and received orders to pass the east bound train. The injured are all Michigan people.

The two trains were running at full speed and the engines were reduced to tangled bits of wreckage. The first cars were also demolished and the entire trains left the track, except the last coach on each, so great was the force of the collision. The wreck is said to be due to a misunderstanding of orders.

The east bound train was crowded with passengers when it left Grand Rapids. It carried scores of Christmas visitors returning to their homes along the Pere Marquette line, after spending the holiday here. The train was much heavier than usual on account of this rush. It is reported that the incoming train was heavily loaded. It, too, bore a holiday crowd, as well as the regular Saturday rush of passengers. As usual, the smokers were damaged more than any of the other coaches and in the smokers every seat was occupied.

LATER.—The list of dead in the Pere Marquette wreck totals seventeen, with thirty-three injured; several of them fatally.

SITUATION IN THE EAST.

State Department Renewing Efforts to Secure Final Ratification of Treaties With China and Corea.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The situation in the East has caused the officials of the State Department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from China and Corea certain necessary trade advantages as embodied in the Chinese commercial treaty, and in Minister Allen's demands upon the Corean government, before the crisis becomes more acute. It is realized that should hostilities break out between Russia and Japan, the resulting peace treaty probably would leave the United States and other neutral nations entirely outside of the pale of advantage in Corea, no matter which way the tide of victory turned. Therefore the State Department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese court to insure the speedy ratification of the trade treaty, and as other nations have indirectly been given to understand in this negotiation, it is hoped that final ratifications of the treaty may be exchanged in Washington within three months at the outside. This will result in the opening to the United States the trade of the ports of Antung and Moukden, in Manchuria. Across the river from Antung, in Corean territory, lies Wiju, and the State Department has prompted Mr. Allen at Seoul to renew his pressure upon the Corean government to secure the opening of that port to trade.

WARM WIRELETS.

Two men were killed and six wounded in a rear end collision at Williamston, Ky., on the Cincinnati Southern railway.

Mrs. John M. Crowell, aged 70 years, one of the wealthiest women in Bristol, Tenn., owner of several business blocks, died suddenly of hemorrhage.

Acting Secretary of State Loomis has been notified by the Italian embassy that the government of Italy has recognized the new republic of Panama.

A fatal shooting affray took place Friday, near Mariana, Fla., when Edmund Dickson shot and killed a negro known as "Colonel" Gammons and his son. Dickson also shot down two others. All concerned were negroes.

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GETTING READY TO LEAVE WASHINGTON

General Reyes and Dr. Herran, Colombia's Representatives, Awaiting Reply.

WITH RESPECT TO PANAMA.

Mr. Hay Has Not Indicated When He Will Reply to the Colombian Note—More U. S. Warships Ordered to Colon—Admiral Coghlan.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Unless the United States, in the reply which Secretary Hay will make to the note of General Reyes, accords Colombia that measure of satisfaction to which from her point of view she feels herself entitled with respect to Panama, both General Reyes and Dr. Herran will leave this capital. This was frankly admitted to-night. While disavowing any intention of bringing undue pressure to bear on Secretary Hay for a speedy reply to the note which General Reyes has filed in behalf of his government, both he and Dr. Herran are most anxious to be apprised of the secretary's conclusions at the earliest possible moment. With the view to obtaining light on this point, Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge, to-day twice called at the residence of Mr. Hay, but was unable to see him on account of his continued illness. The hope is entertained, both by General Reyes and Dr. Herran, that in the event of a refusal by Mr. Hay to admit their contentions, the United States may agree as a last resort to a submission of the proposition to The Hague for arbitration. It was pointed out that the filing of the note was in accordance with the treaty of 1846 between the United States and Colombia, one of the provisions of which gives the contracting party feeling aggrieved at the action of the other, the right to protest, with the further stipulation that a reply shall be forthcoming. It is said that Mr. Hay has not indicated when he will make answer to the Colombian note.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Truxton, flagship of the second Torpedo flotilla, together with another destroyer not yet selected, will be sent from Key West to Colon in command of Lieut. Commander Marbury Johnson. The destroyers will be used by Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean squadron, as dispatch boats.

The following cablegram reached the Navy Department to-day from Rear Admiral Coghlan at Colon:

"Atlanta did not land armed forces on Colombian territory at any time for any purpose. Two officers landed as usual with swords, at invitation of Colombian generals."

Admiral Coghlan also cabled the department that he would proceed to Cartagena with his flagship, the Olympia, at daybreak, December 26th, for the purpose of bringing Minister Beaupre to Colon, on his way to the United States from Bogota on leave.

Marines for Colon.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Final preparations have been made for the auxiliary cruiser Dixie, and on Monday she will leave the League Island navy yard with six hundred marines for Colon. The force will be commanded by Brigadier General Elliott, who will arrive from Washington tomorrow. The Dixie has been equipped to maintain one thousand men for a period of five months.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS NEW YORK CITY.

A Driving Snow and Winds of Hurricane Force—Rapidly Falling Temperature. Number of People Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A driving snow storm, accompanied by furious squalls that at times rose to almost hurricane force, struck the city early to-day. Lowering black clouds pressing down on a bank of sea fog and the dense character of the snowfall combined to produce for nearly half an hour so deep a darkness that lights were lit in all the down town streets and along the river fronts. During this period many ferry boats and other craft lost their bearings completely and the harbor resounded with the whistles of vessels cautiously groping their way through gloom. One Brooklyn boat, heading for the Manhattan side, found herself off the Battery, several blocks away from her slip. Ocean steamers bound in and out were compelled to stop and lie to until the darkness lifted. The ferry boat John G. Carlisle, carrying immigrants from Ellis Island, crashed into the steamboat Tauras off the Battery, but both vessels escaped with slight damage. The darkness lifted almost as quickly as it settled down and the snow was succeeded by clearing skies, high gales and a rapidly falling temperature, the mercury going down fifteen degrees, from 34 to 19 within three hours. So fierce was the gale during the afternoon that many pedestrians were thrown down and in some instances were seriously injured. Around "Cape Flat Iron," at Broadway and 23d streets, the wind raged in gusts of almost cyclonic fury. Here one man was dangerously hurt by being struck with a fragment of a large plate glass window, blown out of an adjacent building.

Towards evening the wind, which had at times attained a velocity of sixty miles an hour, died down, the mercury continuing to drop until at 10 o'clock it touched 7 degrees above zero with indications of still lower figures during the night. In all, about a dozen persons were reported by the police to have been injured by the fall of flying pieces of debris during the day. The total snowfall was only about half an inch.

BRYAN IN GERMANY.

Was Not Received in Audience by Emperor William,

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—William J. Bryan was entertained at luncheon to-day by Ambassador Tower and called on Foreign Secretary Richtoff.

Emperor William has expressed regrets at the fact that domestic Christmas festivities will prevent him from receiving Mr. Bryan in audience.

About one hundred Americans and prominent Germans were introduced to Mr. Bryan to-day at the reception of the American Chamber of Commerce, given in his honor, at the hotel Bristol. After the reception Mr. Bryan took the night train for Amsterdam. He will sail for New York Wednesday from Liverpool on board the White Star Line steamer Celtic

Visit Solky's New Store For Your CHRISTMAS GOODS.

YOU CAN FIND THE HANDSOMEST AND LARGEST LINE OF

XMAS GOODS,

such as Bath-Robes, Smoking Jackets, Neckwear, Fancy Pajamas, Night Shirts, Percale Shirts, Madras Shirts, Umbrellas, Dress Suit Cases, Gentlemen's Travelling Bags, Full Dress Suits, Tuxedo Suits, Overcoats.

Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

Also a full line of Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps.

Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Strouse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

dec 19 tf

THIS WILL BE A YEAR OF USEFUL GIFTS

According to the prevailing impression, and we have prepared to meet all such requirements of Men in things to wear. They are here in profusion, thousands of useful and good looking articles.

NECKTIES,

what man ever had enough, hosts of them, 35 and 50 cents up.

Handkerchiefs, 12 1-2c Up.

Gloves, 50c up. Mufflers, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Rain Coats, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Umbrellas, Etc.

THE A. DAVID CO.

dec 20 tf

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,131,992 44	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250,000 00	Surplus and net profits	104,526 80
Bank Building	29,500 00	Circulation	9 0,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	716,146 94	Deposits	1,827,149 88
	$2,229,639 38		$2,220,638 98

Comparative statement of deposits.
Nov. 17th, 1901, $673,803 58. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 05. Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,627,149 88.

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

nov 21 tf

L. F. Loree, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, will on January 1st next become president of the Rock Island Company, succeeding Wm. B. Leeds.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13.00.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Sisters in despair. Speedy relief. Abnormal suppression any cause. Write for remedy. Safe, sure. Dr. Martha Walker Co., 183 State, Chicago. dec 27 1t*

Notice—To-day cars will leave Front and Princess streets for Ocean View at 1:30, 2:30 and 3 P. M., returning will leave Ocean View at 2, 4:30 and 4:45 P. M. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. dec 27 1t

Wanted—Position as bookkeeper or shipping clerk by a young man of ability. Address N, care STAR office. dec 27 1t*

For Sale—Two houses and lots on Davis street, between Second and Third streets. Also two vacant lots on Second street, between Davis and Cowan streets. For terms apply to Dick & Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 110 Princess street. dec 27 1t

For Rent—Twelve room residence. No. 321 South Fourth street. Reduced to $18 per month. Apply on premises or 207 South Third street. dec 27 1t

Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 23 tf

Wanted—6x8 8 standard pine ties, also cypress ties, two sides hewn. For particulars write B. F. Keith Co. tu th sa dec 22 6t

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information apply to R. O. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth Street. dec 20 1t

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gasson D. Fhares & Co. to Mary J. Fhares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 19 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 13 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seller, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 1t

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 213 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. jan 31 tf

SAN DOMINGO.

The Town of Macoris Has Declared in Favor of the Insurgents

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—United States Minister Powell reports to the State Department under yesterday's date from San Domingo City, confirming the cabled announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jiminez, and adds that troops from that place under the insurgent flag are marching on the city of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the capital, but otherwise everything is quiet.

A court martial has been ordered to meet at the navy yard at Norfolk, January 4th, for the trial of Lieutenant K. G. Castleman and Chief Machinist A. F. White of the navy, on charges arising from a recent collision.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held Monday, December 28, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of acting on applications for license to sell liquor.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
dec 25 2t Mayor.

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ROBERT PORTNER BREWING CO.
HOME BREWING CO.
GOTTLIEB BAUERNSCHMIDT STRAUS BREWING CO.
dec 24 1w

Silver Salt.

It's a pleasure to clean Silver, Gold, Cut Glass or anything that shines with

SILVER SALT.

Makes water do the work. Guaranteed positively harmless; 25 cts at

HARDIN'S
Palace Pharmacy,
126 South Front Street.
oc 14 Both 'Phones 88.

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our assortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $3.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3.50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $3.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1 35 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $3 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2 25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

Geo. O. Gaylord,
PROPRIETOR.
dec 15 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome out useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.
dec 16 tf

Christmas is Near at Hand

And we are waiting and ready to supply your wants in all kinds of

Pretty Slippers and Shoes,

as well as Leggins and Over-gaiters. See us for any foot wants, be they large or small.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

Our Store will be open after night this week. dec 20 tf

No Business

Will be transacted by the Banks of Wilmington, North Carolina,

SATURDAY, DEC. 26, 1903.

THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK.

dec 23 tf

For Xmas Presents.

Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Tea Sets, Jardineers, Statuary, Fancy Vases, Cut Glass

In endless variety. Place your orders now to avoid the rush.

BISSINGER'S CHINA PARLOR,
dec 8 tf 119 Market Street.

A Merry xmas

And have you thought of a bank book of this institution as a Christmas present? Any sum may be deposited—from 25c upwards, in any name that you may designate. Surely no gift will be more appreciated.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

108 Princess Street.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.
dec 20 tf

No Business

Will be transacted by the undersigned Savings Banks,

Saturday, December 26th.

ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO.
WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK.

dec 23 tf